

# Project Management

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## Today's Agenda

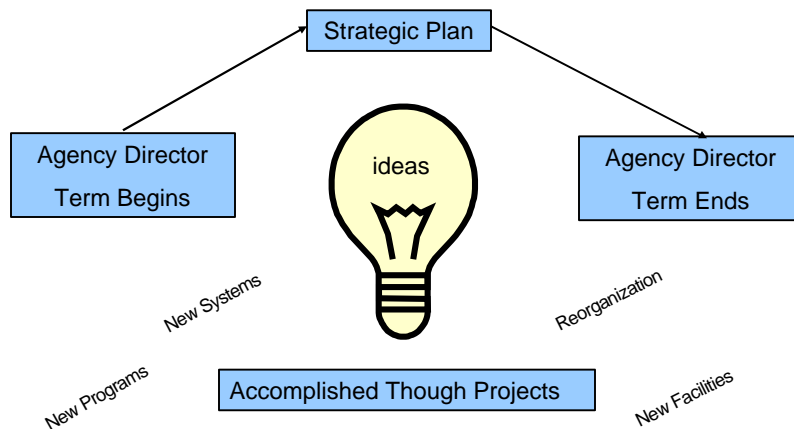
- Why is Project Management Important
- Five Year Goals
- Accomplishments to Date (Policy)
- On-going Activities
- What's On the Horizon
- Feedback/Questions

## Planning for the Future

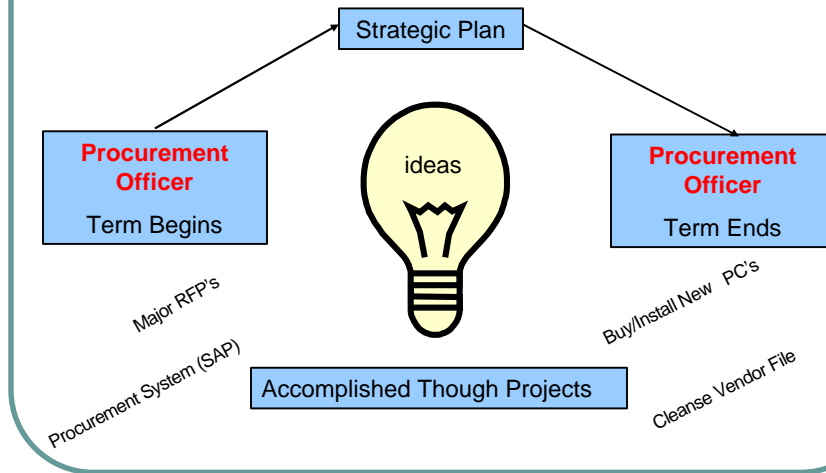
***Enthusiasm can only be aroused by two things: first, an ideal that takes the imagination by storm, and second, a definite intelligible plan for carrying that ideal into practice.***

Arnold Toynbee (1889-1975)  
British Historian and Educator

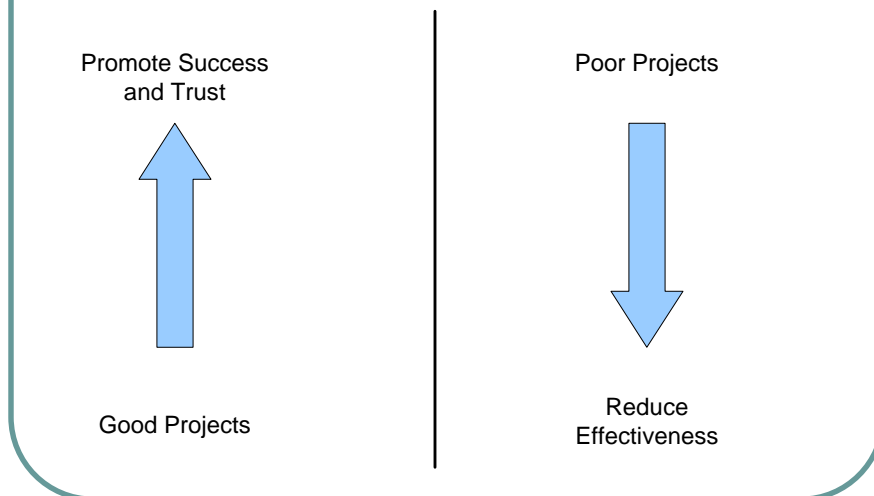
## Why is Project Management Important



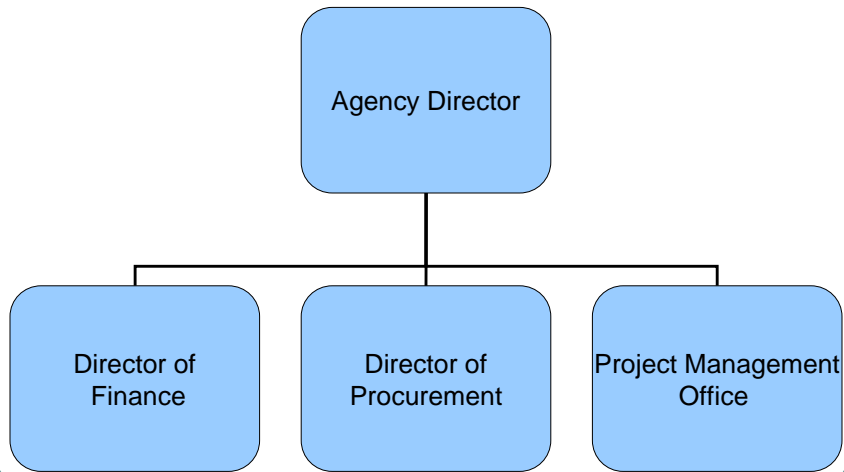
## Why is it Important to You



## Impact of Good Project Management



## Desired Organizational Structure

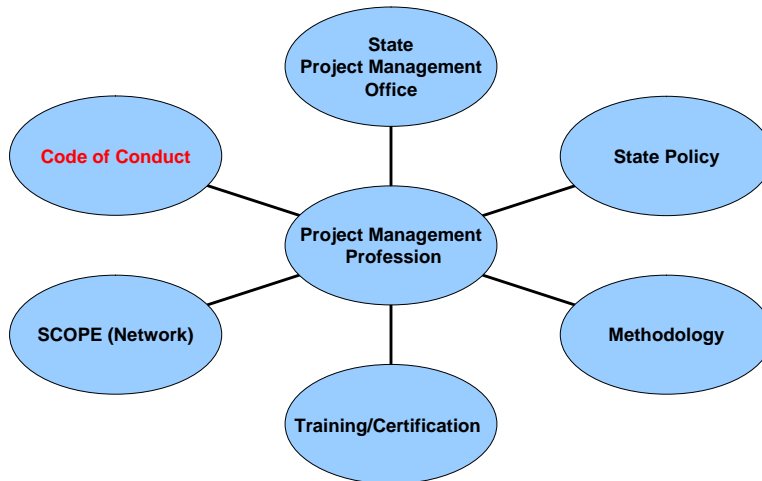


## Project Management Strategic Plan

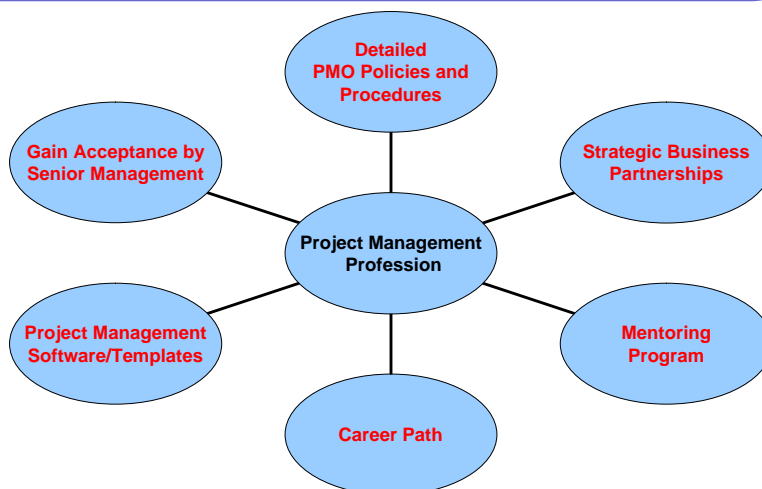
- Establish project management as a high level profession in State government
- Create a career path for project managers
- Change the culture of State government to embrace project management
- Incorporate and use project management templates in the State's business processes



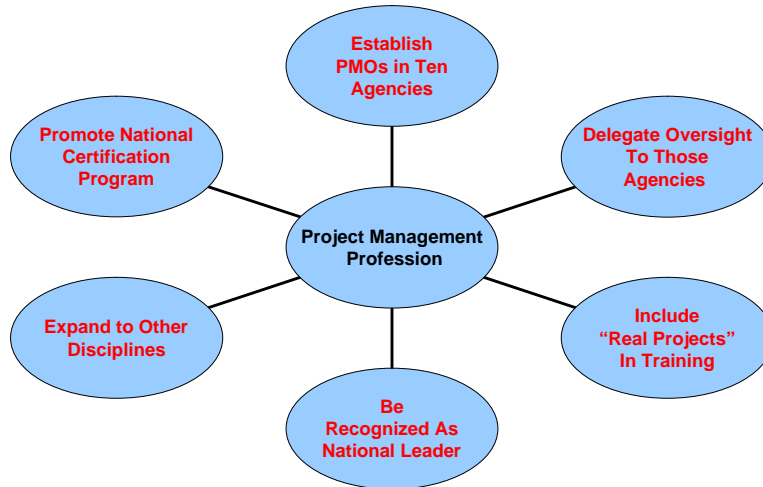
## Accomplishments – 2003-05



## Plan for Immediate Future - 2006-07



## On the Distance Horizon - 2008-09



## Accomplishments to Date

Policy for the Management of  
Technology Projects in South  
Carolina State Government



## Purpose Statement

- Promotes the importance/value of using sound project management practices
- Requires agencies to adopt a project management methodology for use on all IT projects
- Defines projects that should be monitored through a shared relationship between the State PMO, agency and, if appropriate, the vendor
- Defines the responsibilities of the State PMO, the agency and vendor in managing IT Projects
- Establishes the effective date of the Policy as July 1, 2005



## Section 1: General

**Established State PMO and  
Administrative Requirement for  
Various Sizes of Technology Projects**

## State Project Management Office

- Director – Dell Ford, PMP, SPM
- Training Coordinator - Beverly Cummings, PMP, SPM
- Two Internal Program Managers:
  - Barbara Fletcher, PMP, SPM
  - Eric Pinckney, PMP, APM
- 8-10 PM's on Assignment:
  - Child Support, SCEIS, etc. - All PMP certified



**Certifications: 10 PMP's, 2 Six Sigma's, 1 Function Point Manager, 5 Senior PM's and 1 Associate PM**

## Defines Four Categories of Projects

- Minor Projects (less than \$50,000)
- Small Projects
- Major Projects
- Multi-Agency/Enterprise Projects

**Agencies must report the status of Major and Multi-Agency/Enterprise Projects to the PMO on a monthly basis**



## Major Technology Projects

- Projects with a cumulative investment in technology of \$1 million or more
- Projects that meet two or more of the following criteria (for smaller agencies):
  - Estimated IT investment exceeds \$400,000
  - Mission critical
  - Duration exceeds twenty-four months
  - High risk (leading edge technology)
  - Has enterprise/multi-agency implications

## Major Technology Projects

- Exception: Large agencies can obtain certification to independently manage projects having a cumulative investment in technology up to \$5 million (criteria is being developed)



## Agency Certification – Criteria

- Project management office
- Project management policy
- Use project management software
- Have both associate and senior certified project managers
- History of successful projects
- Use an approved project management methodology
- Have a current agency and/or IT strategic plan



## Section 4: Dashboard

The State PMO must establish a “dashboard” reporting process for Major and Multi-Agency/Enterprise Projects by July 1, 2005.

## “Dashboard” Processes

- Applies to Major and Multi-Agency/Enterprise Projects
- Status reports must be submitted to the State PMO on a periodic basis
- Red, green and yellow status reporting
- Vendor must develop/provide reports in the format established by the State PMO
- State PMO will assign a project manager to coordinate with agency/vendor project manager

## “Dashboard” Requirements

- Specific “dashboard” requirements can be found on the State’s Project Management Web site

*Requirements are in Draft  
and are Being Tested*





## Section 7: Methodology

The State PMO must develop a standard project management methodology by July 1, 2004. Each agency must adopt this or an approved methodology by July 1, 2005.

## Methodology

- Project Checklist - defines requirements for the four types of project specified in the State Policy
- Methodology – includes forms, templates, checklist and standard reports
- Being used on several Major Projects
- Need agency and vendor feedback

## PMO Approved Methodologies

- Two agency methodologies have been approved:
  - Department of Revenue
  - Medical University of South Carolina
- All other agencies are required to use State Methodology
- Two Vendor Methodology have been approved:
  - Tiba Solutions
  - Advanced Automation Consulting

## Project Management Methodology

- Initiation
- Planning
- Execution
- Control
- Close-Out

**The State's  
Project Management  
Methodology will  
always be fully aligned  
with PMI's PMBOK.**



## Section 8: Project Management Training

Beginning July 1, 2005, project managers are required on all Major and Multi-Agency/Enterprise Projects and they must be “certified” under a program approved or provided by the State PMO

### Two Programs Have Been Approved

- PMI’s Project Management Professional (PMP)
- State’s Project Management Certification Program
  - Associate
  - Senior



**Instructors:**  
Dr. John Adams  
Dr. Sherry Mercer

## State Certification Programs

- Associate Project Management Program
  - 15 weeks on-line training
  - State methodology and PMBOK
  - Project management basics
- Senior Project Management Program
  - Six day boot camp
  - Rescue a troubled project
  - Team dynamics
  - South Carolina specific issues/requirements

## Recommended Order of Certifications

### **State Employees:**

- Certified **Associate/Senior** State Project Manager
- PMP

### **Vendors:**

- PMP
- Certified **Associate/Senior** State Project Manager (as space is available)

## Additional Training

- Sponsor Training
- Vendor Training
- Cover South Carolina specific requirements:
  - Reporting Requirements
  - Procurement Code
  - Contract Provisions
  - Standard Methodology
  - Code of Conduct
  - Expectations/Responsibilities

## Participation in Training

- Initial Senior Class was held November 2004 – 23 participants from 16 agencies and institutions
- Initial Associate Training Completed in March 2005 – 22 participants 13 agencies/institutions
- Second Senior and Associate Classes have been completed – third Associate Class is underway
- Approximately 80-90 participants have been certified through these Programs
- Established a Training Committee to assist in reviewing/revising both programs and keeping them current



## Required of Our Instructors

- Challenging
- Fair
- South Carolina Specific
- Create Credibility with Senior Management
- Change the existing culture
- Participant will help determine/drive content



## Other Ongoing Activities

## Three Review Committees

- Develop policy and procedures manual for the State PMO
- Revise State Methodology and align with recent changes to the PMBOK
- Create a Code of Conduct for senior and associate certified project managers

## Beeline Contract for PM

- Separate contract specifically for project management services
- Contract administered by ITMO
- Contain specific provisions govern the management of State projects
- Higher rates for senior, certified project managers

## Beeline Contract – Cont'd

- Agree to comply with State Policy
- Complete deliverables for each project phase before proceeding to next phase
- Honesty in reporting is essential
- Must use State Project Management Methodology unless another has been approved
- Must replace project manager on a project with someone having same skills and certifications

## SCOPE

- Lisa Phipps, State Retirement System is Chair
- Meets quarterly
- Provides input to the CIO
- Exchange of information and sessions on project management topics, active projects, etc.
- Approximately 40 members at this time



## National PM Forum

- SC initiated and sponsored by NASCIO
- Monthly Conference Calls – 37 States
- Listserv and Web site
- PM Newsletter – in process
- Beverly Made a presentation at NASCIO conference in October in San Diego
- Goal: Determine if there is interest to establish a Public Sector PM Association

## Implement Project Server

- Use MS Project Server of all Major and Multi-Agency/Enterprise Projects
- Establish standard templates for various types of technology projects
- Training completed
- Implementation and testing underway

## Strategic Business Partner Program

- Use and promote the State Methodology
- Provide status reports in the State format
- Routinely employ experienced and certified PM's on State projects
- Contribute 15 hours of mentoring services to State agencies per quarter
- Support the project management profession

On the Horizon

## Future Activities

- Establish a portfolio management process that spans State agencies
- Promote the establishment of PMO's in large State agencies and institutions
- Make agency directors aware of the value/benefits of project management
- Expand use of project management to other disciplines

## Future Activities

- Become a recognized national leader in the use of project management
- Promote the establishment of a national association and certification program
- Establish a performance measurement program to validate the benefit of project management
- Identify senior project managers to provide CPE training on various topics



## Questions